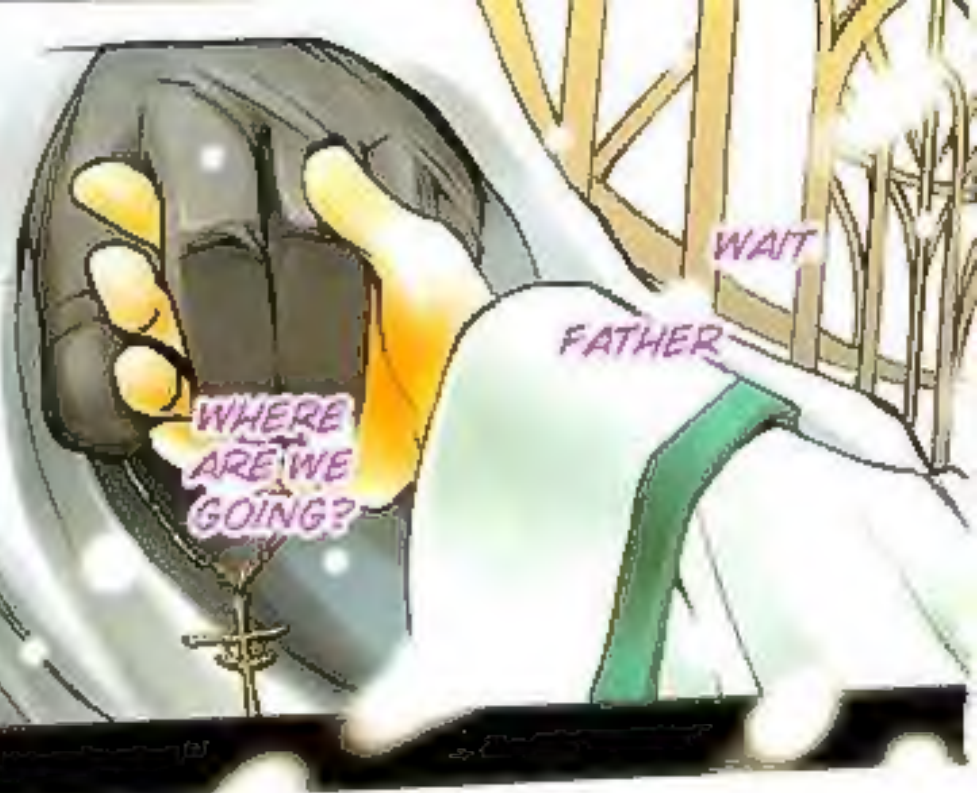


FROM OUR FIRST-PRIZE ALUMNUS OF ZERO-SUM COMICS, A HIGHLY ANTICIPATED NEW SERIES BEGINS!



FOR  
SOME REASON,  
I'M A CHILD  
OF THE CHURCH  
IN MY  
DREAMS.



WAIT  
FATHER  
WHERE  
ARE WE  
GOING?

TODAY,  
YOU  
SHALL  
MEET AN  
IMPOR-  
TANT  
PERSON.

AN  
IMPO-  
RTANT  
PERSON  
...?

IT'S  
STRANGE.



IT  
FEELS  
NOSTAL-  
GIC  
TO ME  
...

SOME-  
HOW  
...

AND  
YET  
...

I'VE  
NEVER  
MET THIS  
PERSON  
BEFORE.  
I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN THIS  
PLACE  
BEFORE.

SFX BUBBLE: "JANGLE"



THIS IS THE NEW SERIES FROM THE DOUBLE FIRST-PRIZE  
WINNERS OF THE 3RD ZERO-SUM COMICS GRAND-PRIX, AFTER  
WINNING FIRST PLACE FROM BOTH OUR READERS AND EDITORS!

NOW,  
WITH  
THESE  
HANDS

# 07GHOST

RING  
THE  
BELL

TOWARDS  
THE  
FUTURE

Kapitel. I [escape]

AMEMIYA YUKI

雨宮由樹

ICHIMURA YUKINO

市原ゆき乃



BARSBURG EMPIRE

<1ST DISTRICT>



WE ARE THE ELITE  
CHOSEN TO BE  
POTENTIAL  
SOLDIERS OF  
HOHBURG FORT.

AS THE 315TH  
CLASS OF OUR  
HONORABLE  
BARSBURG  
EMPIRE'S  
MILITARY  
ACADEMY...

MILITARY  
ACADEMY



LET US ALL  
ENDEAVOR TO  
BECOME SUPERB  
FIGHTERS WHO  
WILL NOT BRING  
SHAME TO THE  
NAME OF THE  
EMPIRE...



I'VE HEARD  
THE LEVEL OF  
THIS YEAR'S  
STUDENTS IS  
VERY HIGH.

I'D EXPECT  
NO LESS  
FROM THE  
SON OF THE  
NOBLE OAK  
FAMILY.

HO HO  
SHUURI-  
KUN IS  
ALWAYS SO  
RELIABLE.

SFX: "CLAPPING"

OUT OF THE  
500 PEOPLE  
HERE TAKING  
THE GRADUA-  
TION EXAM...

ONLY 20 WILL  
PASS AND  
BECOME  
HONORABLE  
BEGLEITERS...

THIS  
ISN'T  
THE  
END.

\* BEGLEITER = ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

THERE  
GOES  
CHAIRMAN  
MIROKU'S  
FAVORITE  
STUDENT.

WEARING  
THAT SOUR  
LOOK LIKE  
ALWAYS.

HE DOESN'T  
EVEN SAY  
HI.

FROM THIS  
POINT ON,  
THEY'LL FACE  
THEIR  
GREATEST  
OBSTACLE...

OI, LOOK.

MORNING,  
YOUNG  
MASTER  
TEITO  
KLEIN.

HA  
HA  
HA

SFX: "LOUD WHISPERING"

NO WAY!  
YOU  
SERIOUS  
I?

DID YOU KNOW  
HE USED TO  
BE A SLAVE?

HEH, EVEN  
HE CAN BE A  
STUDENT  
HERE IN THIS  
SPECIAL  
PROGRAM?

SFX: "STOP"

...YOU  
BASTARDS  
SHOULD  
STOP  
SAYING  
WHATEVER  
YOU  
WANT.

I CAN HEAR  
YOU QUITE  
CLEARLY,  
DAMN IT.

SFX: "PISSED"

MORNING,  
FAMOUS  
YOUNG  
MASTER!

SFX: "PAT"

CAN THAT  
CHIBI EVEN  
KEEP UP IN  
CLASS?

OI OI,  
DON'T PISS  
HIM OFF.

OR ELSE  
HE'LL GET  
THE CHAIR-  
MAN TO  
EXPEL YOU.







PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND AS YOU DEMONSTRATE THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR.

THE ARMY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WILL BE HERE TOMORROW TO VIEW THE GRADUATION EXAM.

EVERY-ONE.



HEY, LET'S EAT LUNCH TOGETHER!

EAT WITH SOMEONE ELSE!

IF YOU STICK WITH ME, THEY'LL START BAD-MOUTHING YOU AS WELL.



WHEN I'M WITH YOU, THE LUNCH-LADY GIVES US FREE FOOD!

THE ONLY WORDS I'M SICK OF HEARING ARE THE ONES YOU JUST SAID.



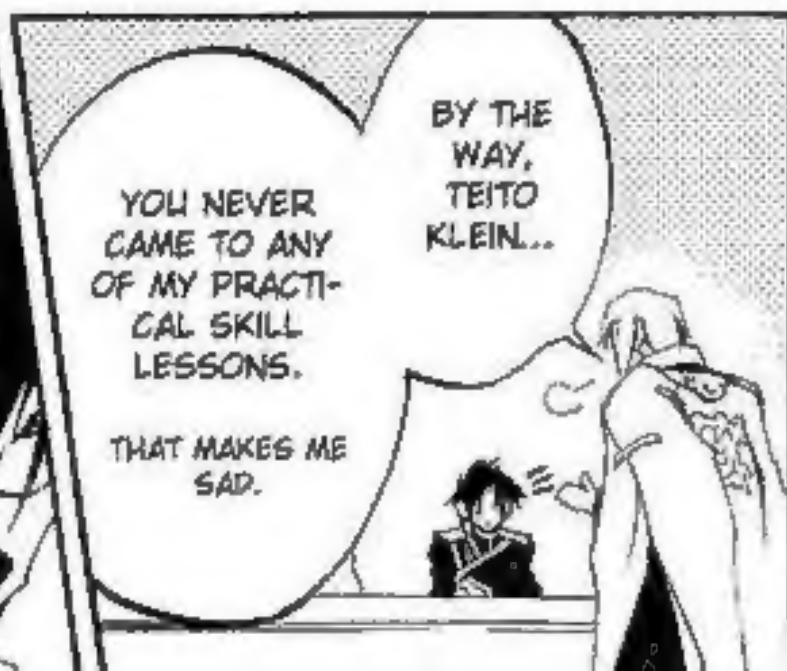
COOL! THEY'LL MAKE YOU AN OFFICER JUST LIKE THAT!?

THAT'S NOT TRUE! STOP IT!

AREN'T THEY REALLY COMING TO RECRUIT YOU, SHUURI?



I WAS EXCUSED FROM ALL GENERAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.



YOU NEVER CAME TO ANY OF MY PRACTICAL SKILL LESSONS.

THAT MAKES ME SAD.

BY THE WAY, TEITO KLEIN...





SFX: "WHISPERING"







SFX: "IMPACT"







FREELY  
UTILIZE  
AN ABILITY  
CALLED  
"ZAIPHON"  
TO FIGHT.



THE TERM  
INDICATES  
A RARE  
KIND OF  
HUMAN  
BEING.

COME AT ME  
MORE  
SERIOUSLY,  
MIKAGE.

IT ENABLES  
ONE TO  
CONVERT A LIFE  
SOURCE INTO  
VARIOUS  
FORMS.

"ZAIPHON"  
IS A GIFT  
PROVIDED  
BY GOD  
THAT IS  
MAINLY  
CON-  
TROLLED  
BY HAND.



YOU THINK A  
CLUMSY ATTACK  
LIKE THAT WILL  
HIT ME...?

EVERYONE'S  
CAPABILITIES  
ARE  
DIFFERENT

SFX: "SMOKING"

SFX: "IMPACT"

AND IN MANY  
CASES,  
REFLECT  
THEIR  
NATURE.

※ chibi

THOSE ARE MY  
FEELINGS FOR  
YOU!  
ACCEPT 'EM!

THE  
NEXT  
MORNING

WOAH,  
SO  
VIOLENT!!

I'VE GOT  
PLENTY OF  
THINGS I WANT  
TO SAY TO YOU  
TOO!!

SFX: "CONTINUOUS IMPACTS"









HOH,  
THE BRATS  
THIS YEAR  
ARE  
PRETTY  
ENERGETIC!



Pull!

HEHE,  
DON'T BE  
SUCH  
WUGGES!

THAT'S JUST  
ANOTHER  
PROJECTION  
LIKE THE ONES  
WE USED FOR  
TRAINING,  
RIGHT?



I'M  
REALLY  
GONNA  
ENJOY  
THIS



H-HE'S  
REAL!!

HIH....!



OTHERWISE,  
YOU'LL REALLY  
GET KILLED!

GOOD  
LUCK

NOW, NOW  
EVERYONE SHOULD  
JOIN FORCES AND  
PUT EVERYTHING  
THEY'VE LEARNED  
TO PRACTICAL USE.







WHENEVER  
THE GREAT  
ME BEATS  
UP ONE OF  
THE YOU  
GUYS...

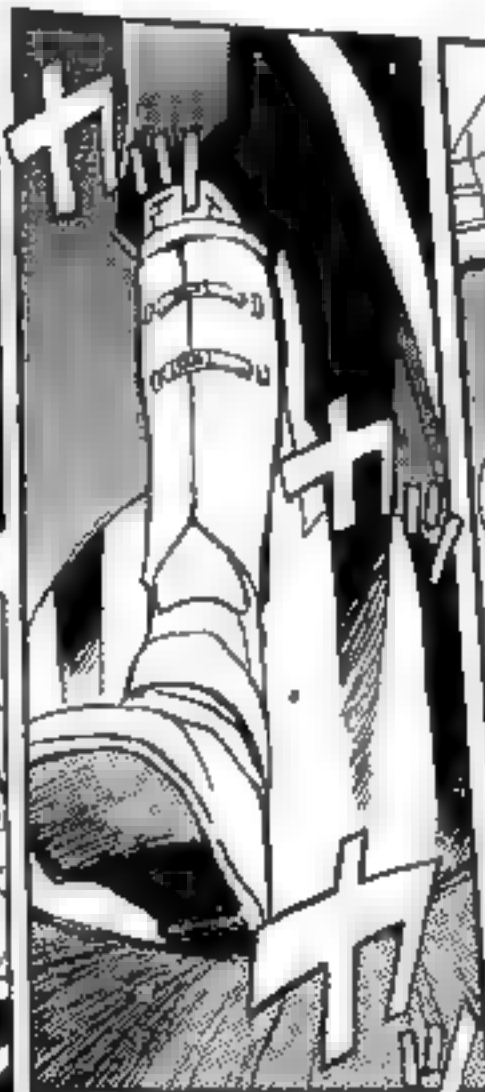
MY  
SENTENCE  
GETS  
REDUCED!!



SALUTE  
!!



WELCOME,  
AND THANK YOU  
FOR COMING,  
CHIEF-OF-STAFF  
AYANAMI.



SFX: "STOMPING"

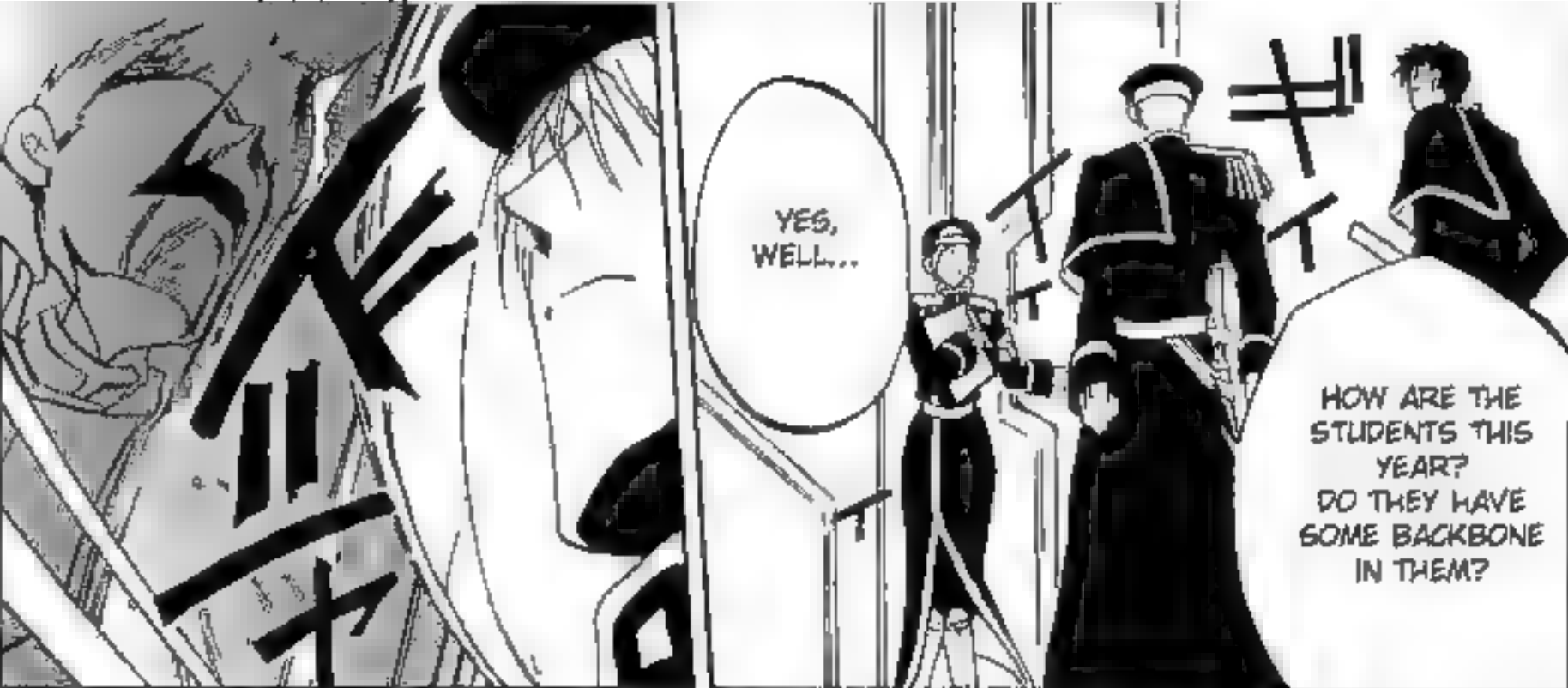


!!  
THIS GUY...  
HE'S FAST!!

SFX: "Steps"







SFX: "BANG"



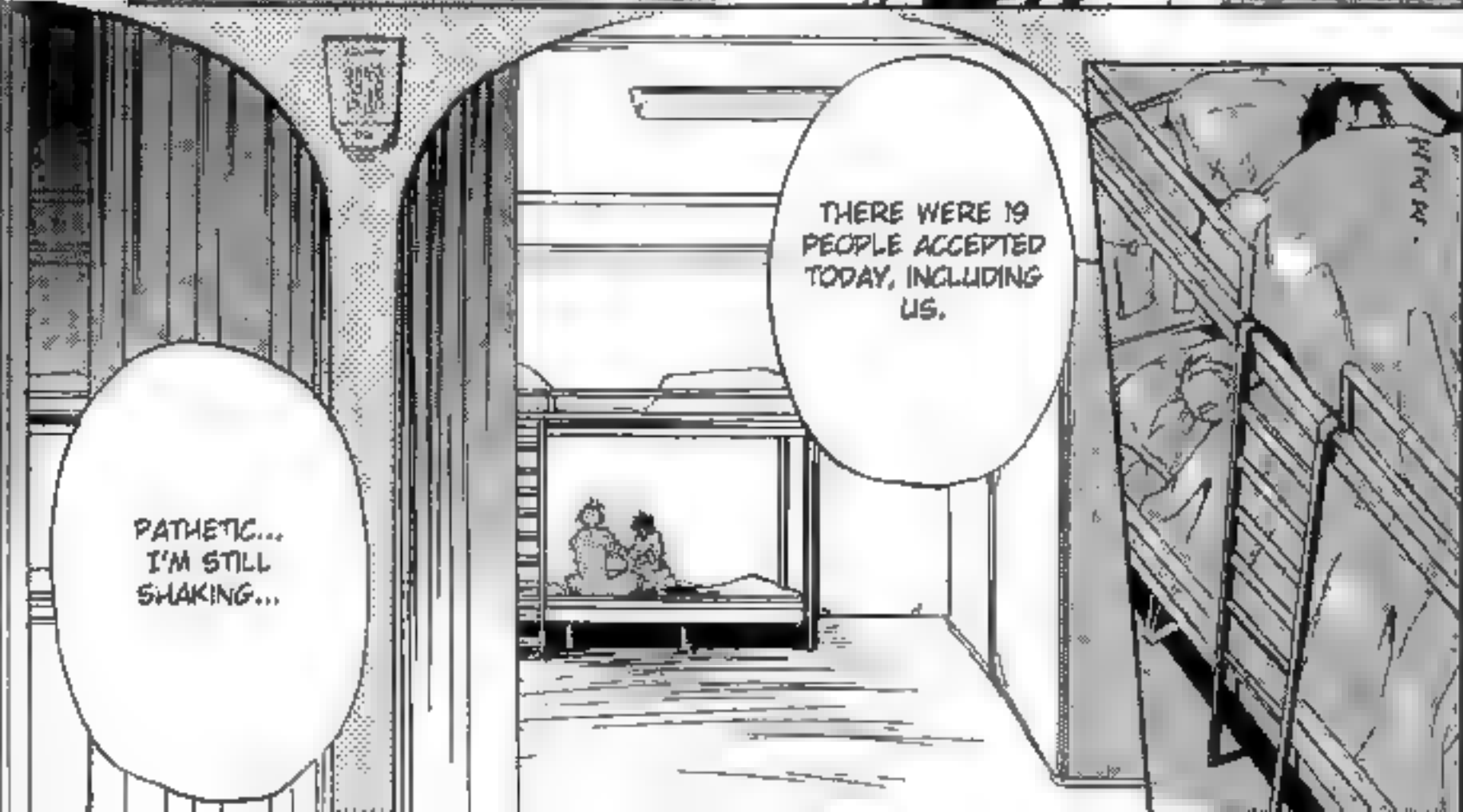












I NEVER  
THOUGHT YOU'D  
BE THE ONE TO  
HELP THAT  
SHUURI.

EVEN HE  
LOSES FACE  
AGAINST  
YOUR  
BRAVERY.

BUT IF, WE  
WERE IN  
ACTUAL  
COMBAT, IT  
COULD HAVE  
BEEN  
WORSE.

WE WERE  
LUCKY TO  
GET AWAY  
WITH SMALL  
INJURIES,  
SINCE IT WAS  
JUST AN  
EXAM.

OW  
OW

I'M  
PROUD  
OF YOU.

DON'T  
SAY  
THAT,  
BEST  
BUDDY.

T-THAT'S  
NOT TRUE.

MY BODY  
JUST  
MOVED ON  
ITS OWN...

DAZZLING...







SO I'M  
REALLY  
HAPPY.

BUT, THIS IS  
THE FIRST  
TIME YOU'VE  
EVER SAID  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT.

EFX: "SNIFF"



O-  
OKAY.



I'LL NEVER  
ABANDON  
YOU!!

IF YOU  
EVER GET  
INTO A  
PINCH ON  
THE BAT-  
TLEFIELD...



ALRIGHT!  
LET'S MAKE  
A BEST-  
FRIEND  
PROMISE!



SINCE  
MIKAGE  
PROM-  
ISES..

I SWEAR BY  
THE NAME OF  
GOD THAT  
WE'LL DIE  
TOGETHER!!

GOD...



I WILL  
ALSO  
SWEAR BY  
YOUR  
NAME!





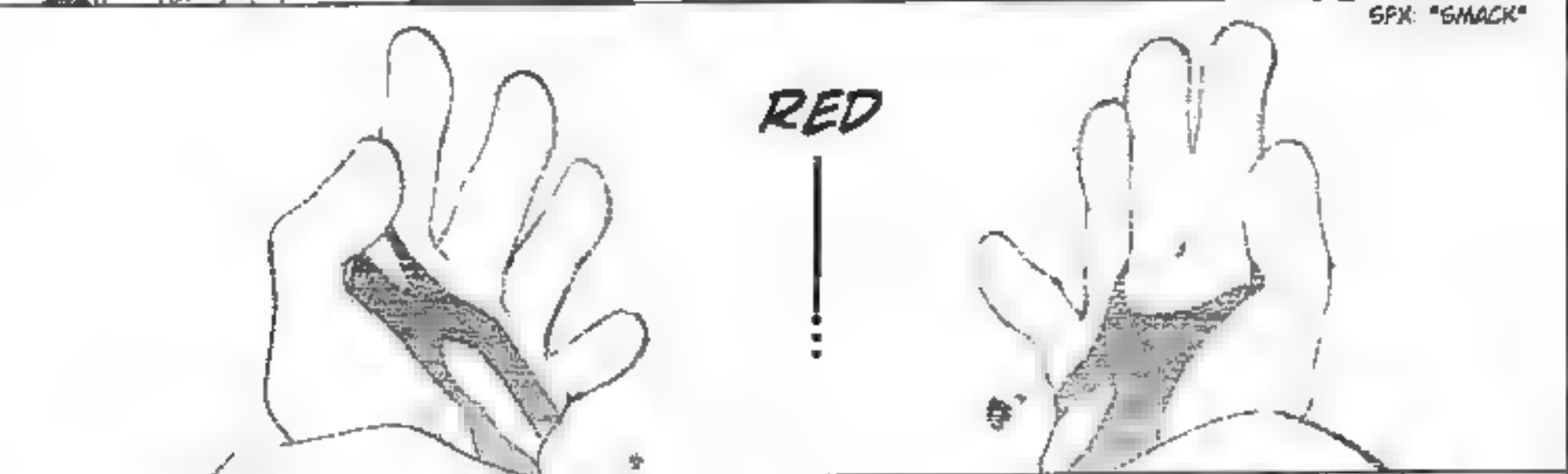


THIS IS...

RED...

WHAT IS  
THIS?

SPX: "SMACK"



RED



TEITO KLEIN  
FROM  
A-GROUP...

HE DOES  
POSSESS  
MAGNIFICENT  
TALENT.

...SOME-  
ONE'S  
TALKING  
ABOUT ME?

I FORGOT  
TO HAND IN  
MY REPORT  
TO  
SHIGURE-  
SENSEI!

CRAP



RAPHAEL IS STILL REACTING. THE STONE MUST BE AROUND, EVEN NOW.

CADET?

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

BUT WHAT OF THE STONE THAT DISAPPEARED DURING OUR BATTLE WITH THE ENEMY COUNTRY, RAGGS?

IF HE KEEPS THIS UP, HE'LL SURELY BE MADE A CADET OF "THE EYE OF MIKHAIL".

IF IT IS THE ORIGINAL, THEN THIS NECKLACE THAT BELONGED TO THE KING OF RAGGS.

Yand/e

Yand/e

WE MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED A BLOOD RELATIVE OF THEIRS.

BUT AUTOPSIES WERE PERFORMED ON ALL OF RAGGS'S ROYALTY, AND THE STONE WASN'T THERE.

AH.

Yand/e

WHY...

[WHEN THE TIME COMES, I WILL DEFINITELY...]

Yand/e

OW...

MY HEAD IS SUDDENLY...







[I WILL DEFINITELY  
COME GET YOU.]



THE  
ONE  
WHO  
WAS  
STANDING  
NEXT  
TO  
DAD  
WAS  
...

THAT  
TIME  
...



\*throb\*



\*throb\*



IT APPEARS A RAT  
HAS BEEN  
EAVESDROPPING.









SFX: "QUIET SHUFFLE"



MAKE  
HIM  
SPILL  
EVERY-  
THING.

IF HE  
HAPPENS  
TO KNOW  
SOME-  
THING...

KEEP HIM  
IN THE  
PRISON  
UNTIL I  
GO  
THERE  
TO GET  
HIM.



I MIGHT GET  
KILLED...

IF ANYONE  
FINDS OUT  
WHAT I'M  
UP TO...

ドキドキ

SFX: "FAST HEARTBEATS"



!?



THAT  
DIGNITARY  
HASN'T  
COME BACK  
YET.

SO THAT  
MUST  
MEAN HE'S  
STILL CON-  
FINED IN  
HERE...

SHH!  
DON'T  
SPEAK  
OUT OF  
LINE!

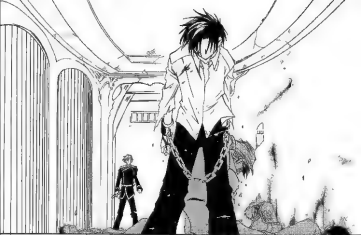


EH? WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO HIM?

HE ROSE  
AGAINST  
THAT  
AYANAMI.  
IT'S ALL  
OVER FOR  
HIM.

ARE  
THESE ALL  
OF TETTO  
KLEIN'S  
BELONG-  
INGS?





SFX: "JUMP"



YOU...

TEIGO!

BUT I CAN'T BE  
HERE ANYMORE.

THANK YOU FOR  
EVERYTH...

SORRY  
...

SFX: "GRAB"



**STOP  
!**

**I DON'T  
WANT YOU  
TO GET  
INVOLVED  
!!**

**ANYONE WHO  
OPPOSES  
AYANAMI NEVER  
LIVES TO TELL  
ABOUT IT!!**

**DO YOU  
WANT TO  
BE  
KILLED,  
YOU DAMN  
IDIOT!!?**

**IF  
THERE  
REALLY  
IS A  
GOD...**

**DON'T  
THINK  
ABOUT  
ANYTHING  
ELSE!!**

**FOR NOW,  
YOU'VE  
GOT TO  
RUN AWAY  
/AND  
SURVIVE!!**





PROTECT  
MIKAGE.

PLEASE...



YOU TWO!!  
WHO ARE  
YOU!?  
STOP!!

THERE'S A  
SWIPED  
HAWK-ZILE  
UP  
AHEAD!!  
HURRY!!

LOOK  
FOR  
HIM!!

THE  
CADET'S  
ESCAPED  
FROM HIS  
CELL!!



FREEZE  
!!

!!?



TEITO

IF YOU  
MOVE, I'LL  
KILL THIS  
HOSTAGE  
!!



I CAN'T LET  
YOU TURN  
YOURSELF INTO  
A CRIMINAL.

MIKAGE

I'VE GOT TO  
RUN FROM HERE  
ON MY OWN...

ALWAYS BE  
BEST FRIENDS,  
RIGHT?

WE  
WILL...

















WE'LL FIND HIM SOON ENOUGH.

...LET HIM GO THEN.

DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN RUN AWAY THAT EASILY.

TEITO KLEIN.



WHERE IS CHAIRMAN MIROKU?

SIR! HE IS CURRENTLY AWAY FROM HIS OFFICE!!

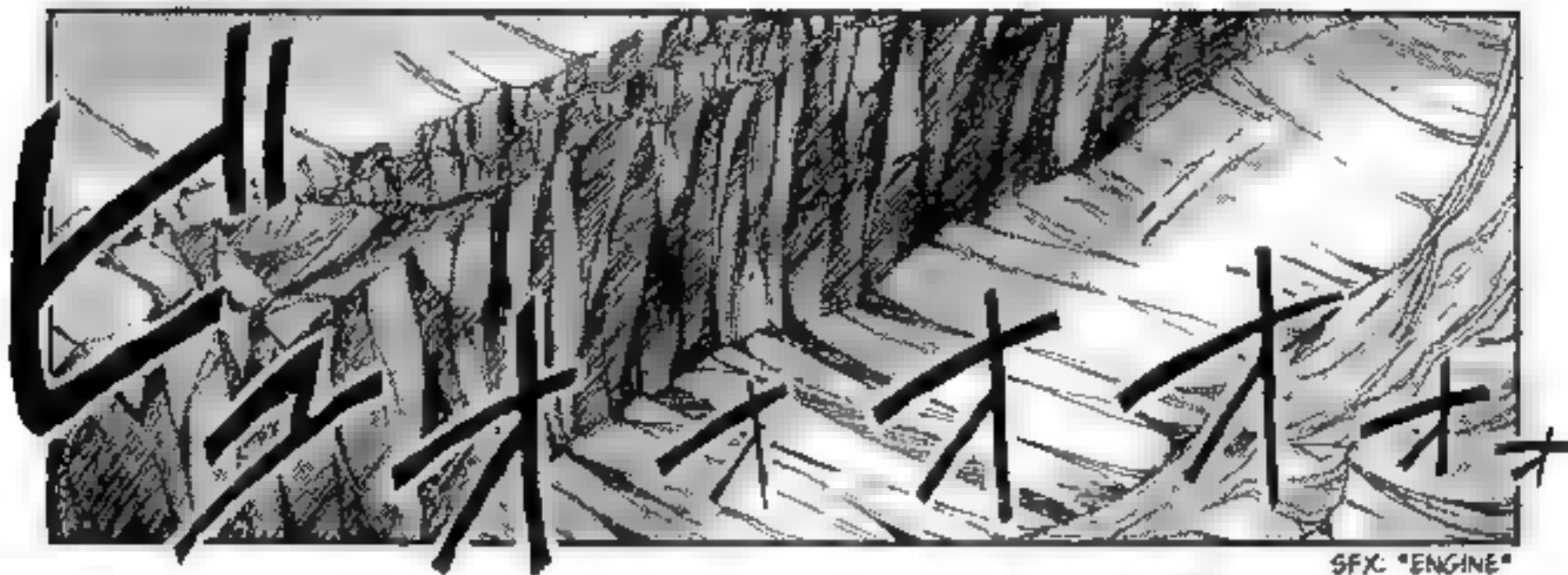


TEITO KLEIN HAS MADE A JAIL-BREAK!! WE ARE CURRENTLY PURSUING HIM!!

R-REPORTING!!

TO THINK THAT HE CAN STRETCH A DEFENSIVE WALL AROUND HIM THAT QUICKLY AND AVOID A MORTAL WOUND!!

# 07-GHOST



SFX: "ENGINE"



THIS IS  
MY  
ROAD!

I'M A MAN OF  
THRILLS! IT'S  
A HELL OF A  
LOT MORE  
FUN UP  
HERE!



THEY DO  
SAY THAT  
ONLY  
FOOLS  
AND  
CRAZIES  
LIKE HIGH  
PLACES.

YOU'LL DIE  
IF YOU  
CAUSE A  
LAND-  
SLIDE!



YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
DRIVE  
OVER  
THERE,  
FRAU!



SFX: "BIG RUPTURE"

WHA-

WHAT  
THE  
HELL!!?

!?





SFX: "ROCKS FALLING"



SFX: "BOOM"

SFX: "FALLING"







...THIS  
BOY...



SOME KID  
FELL ON TOP  
OF ME!!

SHOW A  
LITTLE  
MORE  
CONCERN!!

OH MY.  
SO YOU  
CAME OUT  
OF THAT  
ALIVE.

SFX BUBBLE: "CREEEAK"




IT  
APPEARS  
...

HE'S BEEN  
THROUGH  
A LOT...

WHO IS THE ONE AWAITING TETO...?

ZERO SUM

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